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INVENTORYNational Park Service
Pacific Northwest Region
Cultural Resources DivisionWestin Building, F 1920
2001 Sixth Ave
Seattle, Washington 98121

1. SITE I.D. NO

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2. NAME(S) OF STRUCTURE

White River Campground Patrol Cabin

5. ORIGINAL USE

Ranger Patrol
Station

7. CLASSIFICATION

9. RATING

10. DATE

1927

3. SITE ADDRESS (STREET & NO)

White River Campground W-051

6. PRESENT USE

Same

8. UTM ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

11. REGION

4. CITY/VICINITY

White River Entrance

COUNTY

Pierce

STATE

Washington

SCALE

1:24

1:62.5

QUAD

OTHER

NAME

12. OWNER/ADMIN ADDRESS

NPS/Mount Rainier National Park, Tahoma Woods-Star Route, Ashford, Washington

13. DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND HISTORY INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION DATE(S), PHYSICAL DIMENSIONS, MATERIALS, MAJOR ALTERATIONS, EXISTANT EQUIPMENT, AND IMPORTANT BUILDERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ETC

Wood and log post and beam frame, one story, three room, rectangular cabin; medium pitched gable roof extends over log post and beam porch that spans the entire width of the front facade, and over a recessed side porch; front and rear facade log trusses; log ridge beam; projecting eaves and verges; log rafters with whittled ends project beyond roof line; stone veneer brick chimney off gable ridge; split-log horizontal veneer siding nailed to studs; shower room addition has vertical board and batten siding; pivot-casement windows; unfinished interior fibreboard (celotex) walls; exposed ceiling beams; plywood floors; stone infill, log beam, and pier foundation.

With the construction of the White River Campground in 1923, there became a need for a ranger station at the site. Built in 1927 by the National Park Service, the White River Campground Ranger Station was regarded as a patrol cabin because it was on the Wonderland Trail (Thompson 1981). The cabin was remodeled in 1949: the interior walls were finished with celotex, and plywood was placed over the shiplap floor (Carper 1976). The structure measures 16.5' x 30.5', with a floor size of 495 square feet. The open front porch is 5' x 16.5', the recessed side porch is 5' x 6'4". The cabin is in poor condition: abandoned, filled with trash, and rodent infested. The exposed ends of the rafters are deteriorating and the roof is sagging.

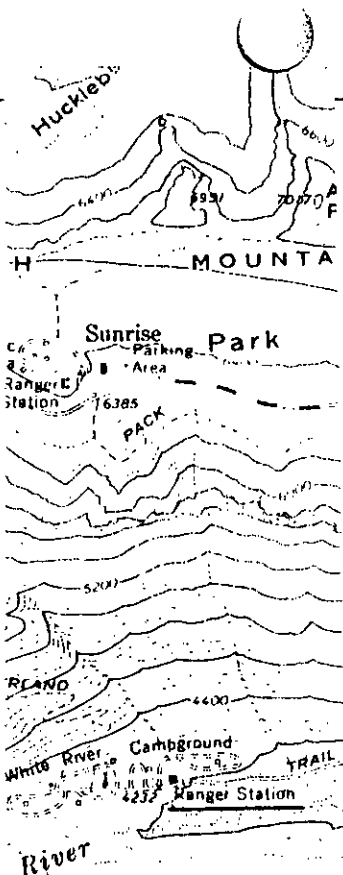
14. CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☒ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS15. DANGER OF DEMOLITION?
(SPECIFY THREAT)☐ YES☐ NO☒ UNKNOWN

16. SIGNIFICANCE

The cabin is the oldest structure in the White River area. It was one of the several backcountry patrol cabins constructed on the popular Wonderland Trail, a policy begun under Superintendent Roger W. Toll (1919-20) and expanded during the superintendency of Major O.A. Tomlinson (1923-1941).

17. PHOTOS AND SKETCH MAP OF LOCATION



18. LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ NAME

19. PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY ☐ YES, LIMITED ☒ YES, UNLIMITED ☐ NO ☐ UNKNOWN

20. EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ NR ☐ NHL ☐ HABS ☐ HAER-1 ☐ HAER ☒ NPS ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL ☐ OTHER

21. REFERENCES—HISTORICAL REFERENCES, PERSONAL CONTACTS, AND/OR OTHER

R.L. Carper, List of Classified Structures Inventory, Mount Rainier National Park (Denver: Historic Preservation Branch, Denver Service Center, National Park Service, 1976).

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Building File W-051, Maintenance Division, Mount Rainier National Park. Drawing and photos, 1962; L.M. Moe, 1949.

22. INVENTORIED BY

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AFFILIATION

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